

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1 – 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a contact lens in order to decrease its affinity to protein deposition which comprises the step of:

soaking a contact lens in an aqueous solution comprising 0.01 to 5 weight percent imidazole. The method of claim 3 wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer bis(2-hydroxyethyl)iminotris(hydroxymethyl)methane (Bis-Tris) and its salts.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the 1,2-bis[tris(hydroxymethyl)-methylamino}propane (Bis-Tris Propane) and its salts.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the N-tris(hydroxymethyl) methyl glycine (Tricine) and its salts.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-glycine (Bicine) and its salts.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the betaine and its salts.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer phosphate and its salts.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is borate and its salts.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the is citrate and its salts.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises is TRIS and its salts.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol and its salts.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is triisopropanolamine and its salts.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is carnitine and its salts.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is dimethyl glutamate and its salts.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is creatine and its salts.
21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is diethanolamine and its salts.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is diisopropylamine and its salts.
23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is triethanolamine and its salts.
24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is triethylamine and its salts.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is dimethyl aspartic acid and its salts.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is imidazole and its salts.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is histidine and its salts.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7[[3]] wherein the aqueous solution further comprises the buffer is methyl aspartate and its salts.